

Approved Minutes

Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force Demand Sub-Committee Meeting

January 10, 2013, 9:30am – 11:00am

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
One Ashburton Place, 2133 Room
Boston, MA 02108

Convened at 9:40a.m.

Members Present: Sheridan Haynes, Governor's Council to Address Sexual and Domestic Violence; Lina Nealon, Demand Abolition; Michael Shively, Abt Associates
Staff Present: Jacklyn Varela, Office of the Attorney General
Guests Present: Maureen Casey, Spectrum Health Systems (via phone); Donna Galvin, Boston PD

Welcome/Introductions - All members and staff briefly introduced themselves.

Review Agenda - No additional items unforeseen by the co-chairs at the time of the posting were raised. The minutes from the November 20, 2012 Sub-Committee meeting were approved.

Debrief from Taskforce Committee Co-chairs' Meeting - Sheridan described that the sub-committee has submitted an outline as requested by the Office of the Attorney General as requested at the Co-Chairs' Meeting.

Worcester John School Overview by Maureen Casey, Spectrum Health Systems (participated via phone)

- a. The clients of the Worcester John School primarily come from stings. The John School works with the probation department. Their one day educational program includes presentations from: law enforcement, health care professionals, a community member, domestic violence prevention advocate and a survivor. After each John School is conducted the clients complete a survey. The cost for each client to participate is \$200. That fee was set by the "Y" when they originally set up the program. The "Y" runs a separate program for victims, the "Dawn Program." Last calendar year three classes were held, a total of 17 clients completed the course.
- b. Sheridan asked how many arrests are made and what percentage of complete the course? Maureen described that data is not collected; there is no formal tracking system in place.

- c. Michael described that John Schools around the country range from 1 – 10 sessions. Some localities set their fees on a sliding scale based on what the market will support and the demographics of the Johns. Some localities re-direct the revenue from the fees to other related costs, ie. reverse stings, speakers, victim services. Michael also described that John Schools currently in place are ran at the local or regional level; there are no examples of any statewide coordinated John Schools.

Debrief from Expert Discussions – Lina and Sheridan spoke with a handful of police chiefs and law enforcement. The major themes from their discussions with those in the field are: there is a need to improve the capacity to share officers between departments to conduct reverse stings and that training, awareness and education about human trafficking is very much needed.

January 24 Presentation - Lina volunteered to put together the first draft of the sub-committee's presentation. Michael and Maureen volunteered to give the presentation to the full Task Force.

Adjourned at 11:05a.m.